THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) No Sir. Since the actual figures for the last two years of the Ninth Plan are not yet available, it may not be possible to arrive at any conclusion regarding the actual realisation of resources and borrowings of the States during the Ninth Plan period.

(c) Does not arise.

Discontinuation of Central Sector Projects

886. SHRI P. N. SIVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to discontinue all Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes with less than Rs. 20 crores;

(b) if so, the criteria fixed for weeding out the schemes;

(c) whether Government have identified such schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) No Sir. However, the Planning Commission has undertaken a review of the existing schemes (Both Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes) and subjected them to Zero- based Budgeting. The exercise will help in rationalizing the schemes by making them more focussed and streamline the delivery system to ensure that benefits reach the target group.

Regional Training Centre for motorists in Bhopal

†887. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted a proposal to Government on 23rd March, 2001 to give special grant to set up Regional Training Centre for motorists in Bhopal and also to set up Highway Patrolling check posts at some additional places; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details of the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The request of Madhya Pradesh Government for setting up a Regional Drivers Training Institute could not be considered as scheme was discontinued during the Ninth Plan Period.

A fresh scheme for setting up a Model Drivers Training Institute during the Tenth Plan period has been formulated, which has been circulated to all States/UTs.

There is no scheme in this Ministry which provides funds for setting up of Highway Patrolling check posts.

Construction of road under East-West Corridor Programme

888. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the stretch of road already constructed and proposed to be completed by March, 2002 under the four-laning of East-West Corridor Programme, State-wise;

(b) whether four-laning of National Highway-52 in included in any other programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the target set, status of sanction and implementing agency, finalised, if any; and

(d) the amount allocated and actually utilised for National Highways in Assam during the last three years, head-wise and road-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) The stretch from km. 340 to km. 350 of Palanpur-Disa Section of NH-14 in the State of Gujarat has already been completed under the four- laning of East-West Corridor Programme.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Details are given in the enclosed statement.